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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/EX - JOAN CLARK

COMMERCE FOR DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY LAZARUS

1. WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF A COMMERCIAL SECRETARY TO
HANDLE PRESENTLY OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF COMMERCIAL
CORRESPONDENCE AND FILING; ASSIST IN TRADE AND BUSINESS
REPORTING; AND PERMIT MORE ACTIVE CONTACT WORK BY ECONOMIC
AND COMMFCIAL OFFICERS. IN ADDITION THERE WILL BE AN
ESPECIALLY BUSY PERIOD BEGINNING EARLY NEXT SPRING
(FIVE TRADE MISSIONS ARE SCHEDULED IN ADDITION TO
BUDAPEST INTERNATIONAL FAIR). IT WOULD THEREFORE BE
MOST USEFUL TO HAVE SECRETARY ASSIGNED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE SO THAT SHE CAN NOT ONLY TAKE OVER CURRENT
WORK BUT ALSO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH HUNGARIAN SITUATION
BEFORE TRADE MISSION PERIOD BEGINS.

2. AS I RECALL, DEPT WAS PREPARING TO SEND US SECRETARY
FOR SUCH PURPOSES BEFORE I LEFT BUT EMBASSY WAS CONCERNED
ABOUT DIFFICULT HOUSING PROBLEM HERE.

3. I NOW UNDERSTAND THAT LINDA WALLING, WIFE OF NEW STAFF
MEMBER DUE HERE IN NOVEMBER, IS EXPERIENCED SECRETARY AND
THAT SHE IS INTERESTED IN WORKING. ALSO UNDERSTAND SHE
HAS SECURITY CLEARANCE SO WE COULD USE HER PROMPTLY ON
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WIFE WOULD ALSO RELIEVE US OF PROBLEM OF ADDITIONAL HOUSING,
WHICH WE DO NOT NOW HAVE AND WOULD NEED TO SEEK FROM GOH--
WITH PREDICTABLE DIFFICULTIES IN PLACE WHERE HOUSING STILL
IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY.

4. I HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN ACCORDINGLY PROMPTLY AUTHORIZE
US TO HIRE MRS. WALLING SO THAT WE CAN PUT HER TO WORK
IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL HERE IN NOVEMBER. IF SO, WE WILL
NEED APPROPRIATE DATA CABLED ON POSITION NUMBER, GRADE
AND AUTHORIZATION.

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